



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 NEWSLETTER

May 22, 2019

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Board of Education Highlights

At the May 15, 2018 Board of Education Meeting, the Board:

The Board of Education welcomed and recognized Cass Junior High School students Kelan Nicol and Nicholas Villagomez who lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. These students recently participated in a Water Tower Design Competition and qualified for the Illinois State Competition.



The Board of Education welcomed and recognized staff who have reached 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service to Cass School District 63, as well as celebrated those individuals who are retiring at the close of the 2018/19 school year. Each individual was presented with a token of appreciation from the Board of Education.

Please join us in recognizing and congratulating each of these staff members for their dedication to the students of Cass School District 63 and in congratulating those staff members entering retirement.

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8502 Bailey Road • Darien, Illinois 60561-5333
7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
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Honorees

Congratulations and Best Wishes upon Retirement:



Administrative and Health Assistant, Debbie Vacco, Teacher Kevin Shingler, Teacher Joanne Riesgo, Teacher Assistant Lori Reinke, Teacher Kathy Jensen, Teacher Jennifer Fetty, Teacher Assistant Mary Ambroz
(not pictured Teacher Assistant and Attendance Coordinator Mary Kay McSheffery)

Thank you for 10 years of service

Teacher Christy Sells, Teacher Krista Jamrose, Teacher Lauren Grochowski, Teacher Greg Kirchen and Teacher Craig Damrow

(not pictured Teacher Katie Summers)



Thank you for 15 years of service
Custodian Dan Farias, Teacher Marie Musil and Teacher Theresa West

(not pictured Teacher Ken Kohnke)



Thank you for 20 years of service

Teacher Kevin Shingler

(pictured with Superintendent Kerry Foderaro and Board President Shelly Camden)

(Not pictured Teacher Assistant and Attendance Coordinator, Mary Kay McSheffery)



Thank you for 25 years of service

Teacher Audrey Vaci

(pictured with Superintendent Kerry Foderaro and Board President Shelly Camden)



Board of Education

In other action, the Board

- Approved the 2019/20 budget for CARE.
- Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement for Lunch Services with Center Cass School District 66.
- Approved an HVAC Summer Project.
- Approved the replacement of the Concord Elementary School roof.
- Approved the rooftop installation of solar panels at both Concord Elementary School and Cass Junior High School.
- Approved the Resolution declaring the intent of the District to issue \$1,500,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds.



*The next regular Board of Education meeting
will be held Tuesday, June 18, 7:30 p.m.
at the District Administrative Office
8502 Bailey Road in Darien, Illinois.*



Administrators' Addendum

Dear Cass School District 63 Families:

As the school year comes to a close, we would like to sincerely express our gratitude to you for your ongoing support of our schools and school district. Over the next several weeks we will continually take advantage of opportunities to celebrate and recognize student accomplishments. Please join us in recognizing and celebrating the many successes your child(ren) has/have achieved this school year individually. Based on our educational experience, we firmly believe that everyone needs to be recognized and appreciated for his or her efforts and successes. Children, even though it is not always readily apparent, do genuinely care that their parents or guardians are interested in, as well as proud of, their academic efforts.

We will be especially proud to recognize our Class of 2019 at graduation on Thursday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cass Junior High School Gymnasium. This class, like previous graduating classes, excelled in the classroom, in the areas of Fine Arts, athletic arena and within our school community at large. The Board of Education, the Administration and Staff are all especially pleased with their individual and collective efforts and achievements. In addition to our graduating students, we also have some families that are graduating from Cass School District 63 at the end of this year. If you are one of these families whose last child is finishing up in Cass School District 63, please know that you will be dearly missed and we will always be indebted to you and your family for your many years of support in making our Cass Family very special. Thank you.

We strongly encourage graduating students and families to support and get actively involved in your new high school, just as you have been in Cass School District 63. We also encourage your family to stay connected to us in any and every way possible. The easiest way to stay connected is to continue to support and attend our parent organization activities and functions. Many former Cass School District 63 families, staff and alumni have supported these activities. Please strongly consider continuing to support the District to benefit future students and helping Cass School District 63 continue to be a special place for the children of our school community.

In regards to our parent organization, a special thank you to the Mrs. Cathy White, President, and her team with **CARE (Cass Resources for Enrichment)**. **CARE** is currently the largest parent organization we have had in years. Their service and leadership, along with the support provided by school families, past school families, staff and friends, have provided significant enrichment for our students this year.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the Cass School District 63 Board of Education; President Mrs. Shelly Camden, Vice President Mr. Kent Absalonsen, Secretary Mrs. Alice Esposito, Mr. Brad Carrino, Mrs. Lana Johnson, Mr. Jeff McCollian and Mr. Michael Ockrim. These seven volunteer elected officials, just as the past members of the Board of Education, continue to provide excellent leadership with loyal dedication and unwavering integrity through setting goals, policies and directions for Cass School District 63, where the focus is truly on the child, while also being responsible fiscal stewards.

Finally, as your family makes plans to enjoy the upcoming summer, please remember to take time to continually expose your child(ren) to the many wonderful resources we have in the Chicagoland

area, as well as, take the time for reading, writing and problem solving this summer. Learning is a year-round lifetime activity.

We wish you and your family a very enjoyable and safe summer.

*Kerry J. Foderaro
Laura Anderson • Christine Marcinkewicz
Robert Strande • Leland Wagner*

Do Not Forget

- **NO SCHOOL**
Memorial Day
Monday, May 27, 2019

- **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**
Tuesday, June 4, 2019
Early Release Day
Concord Elementary School at 11:15 a.m.
Cass Junior High School at 12:00 p.m.

- **BACK TO SCHOOL NOTETOTES**
Wednesday, July 31, 2019

- **ORIENTATION DAY**
Tuesday, August 20, 2019

- **FIRST DAY OF STUDENT ATTENDANCE**
Kindergarten through Grade Eight
Thursday, August 22, 2019

We Think You Should Know



If you have not already done so, please be sure to register your children by June 4 in order to take advantage of the 2018/19 rates for school fees. For more information, please visit the District website under [Student Registration Information](#).



The last day of school has been changed to Tuesday, June 4, 2019. B.A.S.E. will be available before school on June 4 but not after school. Please contact your child(ren)'s school office if you have any questions.